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In re Application of:

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Response

This is in response to the Office Action date April 16, 2004.

REMARKS

In paragraph 5, claims 1-9 stand rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness to double patenting as being untenable over claims 1, 3, 5, 10, 12, 18, 19, and 21-23 of U.S. Patent 6,537,656 to Dontula et al. for the reasons in the previous Office Action. It is respectfully requested that this rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn as a Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Patent 6,537,656 is attached.

In paragraph 4 of the Office Action claims 1-9 stand rejected under 35 USC 112 as being indefinite for the same reasons as in the earlier Office Action. The Examiner notes that newly independent claim 18 replaces claim 1. The Examiner states that the phrase "flange sheet" in claim 1 is used by the claim to mean skin layer cover layer or outer layer while the accepted meaning of "flange" is a protruding rim, edge rib or outer layer as on a wheel or pipe. The